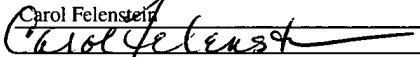


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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application

Of: Ralf Dittes, et al.

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ENCLOSED are the following:

1. Specification, abstract and claims (11 pages)
2. 1 sheets of formal informal drawings (Figs. 1-1a)
Suggested Figure for Publication: 1
3. Declaration
 signed unsigned
 Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. Application Data Sheet
5. Preliminary Amendment
6. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. The prior application is assigned to: _____
The assignment was recorded on _____ at reel _____ and frame _____.
 A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.
9. Non-Publication Request
10. Other:

NOTE the following:

11. This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a
 Continuation Continuation-In-Part Divisional

of Prior Application No. _____ filed _____

12. An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.

13. Small Entity Status:

Applicant is a small entity
 Small entity status claimed in the parent application is no longer proper

14. Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

15. Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Certified Copy Encl.</u>
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16. Cancel claims _____ prior to calculation of the filing fee.

FILING FEE: calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$750.00
Total No. Claims 5	Extra Claims(Total-20)	Fee / claim \$18.00	-
Total No. Independent Claims 1	Extra Independ.(No.-3)	Fee / claim \$84.00	-
Multiple dependent claim?	+ \$280		
Sub-Total			\$750.00
Small Entity?	less 50%		
TOTAL FEE DUE			\$750.00

17. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed (must at least cover the basic fee).

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Respectfully submitted,

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